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KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

IN SENATE.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17, 1846.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BULLOCK.

The Clerk read the Journal of yesterday.

Mr. PEYTON, from the joint committee on Public Printing, presented a report, together with the testimony taken in the investigation of charges against the Public Printer, and whether the rates allowed by law for printing could not be reduced, &c., and a bill concerning the public printing.

The bill was read the first time, ordered to be read a second time, and, together with the report and testimony, ordered to be printed.

Mr. JAMES presented a communication, addressed to him by Buck & Montserrat, of Louisville, stating the terms on which they would be willing to execute the Public Printing, which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. A. BOYD moved that the rules be dispensed to receive a single report (indicated) from the committee on the Judiciary; agreed to, two-thirds concurring.

Mr. HARDIN, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom had been referred a H. R. act to re-model and change the Judicial Districts, and equalize the labors of the Circuit Judges, reported the same with amendments.

Mr. BUTLER moved that the bill and amendments be printed, and made the special order for to-morrow negative.

Mr. PATTERSON moved that the bill lie on the table: negative, yeas 11, nays 27, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bradford, Butler, Crenshaw, Fox, Heady, Helm, James, Patterson, Slaughter, South and Walker—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Ballard, A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bradley, Bramlette, Chenault, Conner, Draffin, Drake, Dyer, Evans, Gray, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Holloway, Key, Marshall, Newell, Peyton, Swope, Taylor, Thomas, Thurman, Todd, Wallace and Woodson—27.

The first amendment, offered by the committee on the Judiciary, that so much of the bill as attaches Harrison to the 10th district be stricken out, and add Harrison to the 3d district: negative, yeas 18, nays 19, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. A. Boyd, Bradford, Bradley, Butler, Chenault, Crenshaw, Dyer, Evans, Gray, Hardin, Henderson, Holloway, Key, Peyton, Slaughter, Taylor, Todd and Woodson—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Ballard, W. P. Boyd, Bramlette, Conner, Draffin, Fox, Harris, Heady, Helm, James, Marshall, Newell, Patterson, South, Swope, Thomas, Thurman, Walker and Wallace—19.

The second amendment from the committee was then reported, that Owen be added to the 17th district.

Mr. DRAFFIN moved to re-consider the vote rejecting the first amendment from the committee: re-considered.

The first and second amendments from the committee on the Judiciary, were then adopted.

The third amendment from the committee, to strike out the 4th and 5th sections of the bill, and insert, that Caldwell, Crittenden, Trigg, Marshall and Calloway shall compose the 2d district: that Henderson shall be added to the 7th district, &c., and that the Judge of the 17th district shall not be required to hold the General Court: adopted.

Mr. WALLACE moved that Oldham be added to the 5th district.

Mr. DRAFFIN moved the previous question: negative.

Mr. WALLACE'S amendment was then rejected, yeas 2, nays 31.

Mr. PATTERSON moved that Union be added to the 2d district: negative.

Mr. SWOPE moved to strike out the 7th section of the bill, repealing an act requiring Judges to reside in their districts: agreed to.

Mr. NEWELL moved to add Nicholas to Judge Farrow's district, and Harrison to Judge Simpson's: negative.

Mr. PATTERSON moved that the Judge of the 2d district have two years to move into it.

Mr. A. BOYD moved the previous question: ordered.

The bill was then ordered to be read a third time, yeas 25, nays 12, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ballard, A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bradford, Bradley, Bramlette, Chenault, Conner, Draffin, Drake, Dyer, Evans, Gray, Hardin, Harris, Heady, Helm, James, Marshall, Newell, Patterson, Slaughter, South, Thurman, Wallace and Woodson—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Butler, Crenshaw, Hardin, Heady, Helm, James, Marshall, Newell, Patterson, Slaughter, Todd and Walker—12.

The third reading having been dispensed,

Mr. PATTERSON moved an amendment, as an engrossed rider, that the Judge of the 2d District have two years to move into it: negative, yeas 24, nays 13, (not two thirds) as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ballard, A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bradford, Bradley, Bramlette, Chenault, Conner, Draffin, Drake, Dyer, Evans, Gray, Hardin, Harris, Heady, Helm, James, Marshall, Newell, Patterson, Slaughter, South, Thurman, Wallace and Woodson—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Butler, Chenault, Draffin, Dyer, Evans, Gray, Harris, Helm, Key, Marshall, Newell, Peyton and South—13.

The bill, as amended, then passed, yeas 24, nays 14, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ballard, A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bradford, Bradley, Chenault, Conner, Draffin, Drake, Dyer, Evans, Gray, Harris, Henderson, Holloway, Key, Marshall, Newell, Swope, Thomas, Thurman, Wallace and Woodson—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Bramlette, Butler, Crenshaw, Fox, Hardin, Heady, Helm, James, Newell, Patterson, Slaughter, Taylor, Todd and Walker—14.

Mr. A. BOYD, from the committee on Enrolments, reported sundry bills which were signed by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. PATTERSON, the rules were dispensed to receive a report from

Mr. HARDIN, from the committee on the Judiciary, a bill to change the venue in the prosecution against Marmaduke Coker from the Livingston to the Caldwell Circuit Court: passed.

On motion of Mr. PEYTON, the rules were dispensed to receive a report from

Mr. HARDIN, from the committee on the Judiciary, a bill to change the venue in the prosecution against Charles Darnals, from the Breckinridge to the Grayson Circuit Court: passed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A H. R. act to amend the militia laws: abolishes all musters but one in the fall.

Mr. WALLACE moved an amendment providing for ascertaining and enrolling the militia strength of the State.

Mr. HARRIS moved that the bill lie on the table: agreed to, yeas 22, nays 15, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ballard, A. Boyd, Bradford, Bradley, Bramlette, Conner, Crenshaw, Drake, Dyer, Hardin, Harris, Heady, Helm, Henderson, James, Marshall, Newell, South, Swope, Thomas, Thurman, Walker and Woodson—22.

NAYS—Messrs. W. P. Boyd, Butler, Chenault, Draffin, Evans, Fox, Gray, Holloway, Key, Peyton, Slaughter, Taylor, Thomas, Todd and Wallace—15.

An engrossed bill to amend the revenue laws: revenue due Dec. 15: Sheriffs to pay interest on revenue not paid in on that day: Sheriffs may deposit

revenue in Banks as a payment into the Treasury: Sheriffs to have $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. commission on first \$3,000 revenue paid in, and 5 per cent. for all over that sum, &c.: passed, yeas 22, nays 15, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bradley, Bramlette, Conner, Draffin, Dyer, Evans, Hardin, Harris, Heady, Helm, Henderson, Holloway, James, Marshall, Newell, South, Swope, Thomas, Walker and Wallace—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Ballard, Bradford, Butler, Cheaule, Crenshaw, Drake, Fox, Gray, Key, Peyton, Thurman, Todd and Woodson—15.

The Senate then took a recess till 3 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. DRAFFIN, from a select committee, reported a bill to change the name of Eufacia Hendricks to Eufacia Smith.

Mr. TODD moved an amendment to change the name of Benjamin Thomas Sparre to B. T. Gray: adopted.

The bill, as amended, then passed.

Mr. BUTLER, leave to introduce and then to report, as from a select committee, a bill for the benefit of the Louisville tobacco warehouse: the owner allowed to erect another warehouse nearer the river where inspection may be had, &c.: passed.

Mr. HELM, from the committee on the Sinking Fund, a bill for the benefit of Wilson, Knott, & Co.: the sum of \$957 appropriated to pay them for losses as contractors in building Locks and Dams, Nos. 4 and 5, on Kentucky river: re-committed to the committee on Internal Improvement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Sundry H. R. acts were taken up, read a first time, ordered to be read a second time, and referred to appropriate standing committees.

An engrossed bill to complete Lock and Dam No. 2, on Licking river: appropriates \$20,000 to the object: the revenue of Campbell, Kenton and Pendleton, above \$2,000 per annum, and proceeds of rent of water-power at all the dams, to go to complete the five Locks and Dams begun, &c.:

"And the question being taken, shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the negative, yeas 8, nays 29, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Dyer, Evans, Newell, Swope, Thomas, Todd, Wallace and Woodson—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Ballard, A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bradford, Bradley, Bramlette, Chenault, Conner, Crenshaw, Draffin, Drake, Fox, Gray, Hardin, Harris, Heady, Helm, Henderson, Holloway, James, Key, Marshall, Patterson, Peyton, Slaughter, South, Taylor, Thurman and Walker—29.

A bill for the benefit of the Lunatic Asylum: made special order for to-morrow.

A bill to change the time of holding the Fleming, Bath, Morgan and Estill Circuit Courts: re-committed to a select committee.

A H. R. act divorcing Jesse Gee from his wife, Elizabeth Gee: passed, yeas 19, nays 16.

A H. R. act divorcing Edward Farrow from his wife, Martha Farrow: passed.

A H. R. act for the benefit of the Covington and Lexington Turnpike Road Company: passed.

A H. R. act for the benefit of Thomas Houser, of Monroe county: passed.

A H. R. act for the benefit of Henry Blanton and Robert Snell, executors of Carter Blanton, deceased: releases them from paying a judgment for nine hundred and — dollars in favor of the Commonwealth, proceeds of sum of money said Carter Blanton had, as administrator of —, dec'd, who died intestate, without heirs, and which sum had been distributed by said executors, to the legatees of said Carter Blanton, dec'd:

And the question being taken, shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative, yeas 19, nays 19, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ballard, Bradford, Bramlette, Conner, Crenshaw, Draffin, Drake, Dyer, Fox, Heady, Holloway, Key, Newell, Slaughter, Swope, Taylor, Thurman, Wallace and Woodson—19.

NAYS—Messrs. A. Boyd, W. P. Boyd, Bramlette, Conner, Crenshaw, Draffin, Drake, Dyer, Fox, Heady, Holloway, Key, Newell, Slaughter, Swope, Taylor, Thurman, Wallace and Woodson—19.

A H. R. act divorcing Jesse Gee from his wife, Nancy Stark: disagreed to, yeas 19, nays 21.

The Senate thus disposed of all the orders of the day.

Mr. DYER moved that a committee be appointed to withdraw from the H. R. the report of the disagreement of the Senate to the bill divorcing Joseph W. Tate from his wife: agreed to, and Messrs. NEWELL, PATTERSON and GRAY were appointed said committee.

A message from the H. R. announcing that they had passed sundry divorce bills, to which they asked the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HENDERSON,

Mr. SLAUGHTER, from the committee on Education, had leave to report a bill for the benefit of Laurel and Livingston counties: allows certain districts to draw their share of the school fund, though the Commissioners had failed to report.

Mr. CONNER moved an amendment with a similar provision for Greenup: adopted.

The bill as amended then passed.

Mr. PATTERSON, from the select committee, for that purpose, returned from the H. R. the bill to divorce Joseph W. Tate.

On motion of Mr. DYER, the vote disagreeing to said bill was re-considered.

And then the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, February 17, 1846.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Goodell.

The Journal of yesterday being read by the Clerk, Petitions were presented by Messrs. WALLER, and BOTTS, which were received and referred.

Mr. BARLOW, from the committee on the Penitentiary, submitted a report on the condition of the State prison: which was read— recommending an enlargement of the prison limits, and the passage of the Senate bill on that subject: and also recommending a bill loaning to the present keepers the sum of \$10,000, &c.

Mr. BARLOW stated that he would propose the said loan by way of amendment to the Senate bill.

On motion of Mr. JACKSON, and leave granted,

Mr. PETERS, Chairman of the committee on Religion, reported a bill divorcing Susan Garnett from her husband, James Garnett: passed.

The re-consideration was then had.

And then, under the operation of the previous question, the several amendments proposed were adopted.

Mr. HARLAN, after stating the hope he had indulged of saving \$10,000 a year to the State by the passage of this bill, and his conviction that it was now so mangled as to make it worse than the existing law on the subject, proposed to lay the subject on the table.

So the bill was laid on the table.

LAWRENCE AND FRANKFORT RAILROAD BILL.

The Clerk reported the special order, to-wit:

A bill to revive the charter of the Lexington and Ohio Railroad Company: which was reported yesterday in another form by way of substitute, to-wit:

A bill for the charter of the Louisville and Frankfort Railroad Company: proposing to tax the capital stock and property of said corporation as real estate, &c.: and to allow the \$100,000 in stock, for the surveys, fixtures, and cuts which have been

sent to the principle and every provision of the bill. It was partial and invidious favoring the demands and claims of one class at the expense of others.

Mr. BARKLEY had a substitute to offer, for the bill and amendment. He had drawn it upon the suggestions of a petition with which he had been entrusted, and would propose it at the proper time, and he thought it might reconcile the objections taken to the bill which had been reported.

Mr. WALLER was surprised that the bill should meet with any opposition. He was struck with the justice of its provisions. It was a proposition for the benefit of a large class of citizens (and a very deserving class too,) without inflicting injury upon any. What did the bill propose? It proposed that the labor of men, in all the mechanic arts, which apply to real property and fixtures, and all who furnish materials for fixtures to real estate, should have a lien to the amount of his labor on the property to which his labor has been applied. Such was simply the law. Its provisions had been applied, not only without opposition, but with the utmost facility, in many of our towns and cities. Why not then make its application general? It had found favor, and operated for the benefit of all classes in Maysville, in Covington, in Louisville, in Brandenburg, &c. All the provisions of the act proposed to be extended were entirely general, and applicable to mechanics throughout the State. The gentleman from Madison says the bill is invidious—making distinctions between classes, &c. But, if the gentleman would point out any thing wrong in the principle, then there would be justice and pertinency in his remarks. Mr. W. went upon the principle, that when you advantage the laboring classes, you also operate for the advantage of the community—if, by so doing, you inflict injury upon no one. Then he would ask gentlemen what class of men could be injured by this act! Did it not simply ask and secure the payment of honest debts to labor? and should not the language of scripture remain true, that "the laborer is worthy of his hire!" Could any evil or any injustice come to the employer because he is compelled to pay his honest debt by his property being made liable thereto? The bill did not apply to the lien to personal property. It applied only to realty: and why? because it could always be rendered practicable—could always apply, and always be recognized. But such was not the case with personal property; it was too evanescent for any lien to affect it. But because we cannot pass a law to protect that class of laborers, who do not apply their labor to personal real, should it follow that we shall not pass a law for the protection of those we can protect? Mr. W. would protect all if he could, &c. Mr. W. extended his remarks upon the idea that society was like a web that is bound together and compacted by innumerable ties and relations: so that when one class was protected, a benefit was conferred upon all. Hence he saw a peculiar fitness and propriety in the law which protects labor by a lien on the very property which it has advantaged, &c.

Copious amendments were then proposed, and some of them were applied to the substitute; which was at length adopted in lieu of the original bill.

The subject was further discussed by Messrs. MAYES, BAILEE and GLOVER in favor of the proposition, and by Messrs.

